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SUBJECT: DISSIDENT RIGHT WING GROUP "EXPOSED"

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1. AHAM AUGUST 6 ANNOUNCES MININT HAS UNEARTHED "SECRET  
EXTREMIST ORGANIZATION" WHICH SEEKS INCITE HATRED OF PRESENT  
REGIME BY ALLEGING CURRENT GOE IS OVERLY SECULAR.

2. ACCORDING TO AHAM REPORT, GROUP'S LEADERS ENDEAVOR USE  
ISLAM TO DECEIVE RECRUITS AS TO REAL PURPOSES ORGANIZATION.  
ABOUT 500 STUDENTS OF VARIOUS EGYPTIAN CAMPUSES ARE MEMBERS.  
STUDENT WHO FLUNKED OUT OF ASSIUT UNIVERSITY, NAMED SHUKRI  
AHMAD MUSTAFA, IS LEADER. MININT ANNOUNCEMENT CLAIMS QUARRELS  
IN LAST FEW WEEKS IN VARIOUS CAIRO SUBURBS INVOLVING YOUNG  
MEN WITH LONG BEARDS WERE FOLLOWED BY COMPLAINTS FROM RELIGIOUS  
NOTABLES WHO ASKED FOR PROTECTION AGAINST THESE MUSLIM  
DEVIATIONISTS. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION SHOWED MUSTAFA BELIEVES  
PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IS EQUIVALENT TO JAHILIYYA  
(I.E., PRE-ISLAMIC PERIOD) AND THAT ALL MUSLIMS SHOULD  
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MIGRATE TO SUCH PRIMITIVE PLACES AS YEMINI "DESERT" AND

"MOUNTAINS" OF EGYPT, WHERE THEY CAN GAIN IDEOLOGICAL INSTRUCTION AND PHYSICAL TRAINING TO EQUIP THEM FOR MARCH AGAINST ATHEISM AND ESTABLISH GENUINE ISLAMIC STATE. MININT OFFICIAL IS QUOTED AS SAYING MOST DANGEROUS THING ABOUT ORGANIZATION IS THAT IT IS EXTENSION OF GROUP FORMED TO ATTACK MILITARY TECHNICAL ACADEMY IN CAIRO IN APRIL 1974.

3. COMMENT: LAST YEAR, PRESS REPORTED MININT SWEEP OF YOUTH OF MUHAMMAD GROUP ALLEGEDLY LIVING IN CAVES NEAR ASSIUT, SOME OF WHOM HAD TRAINED IN YEMEN, THEN RETURNED TO AWAIT MOMENT OF RELIGIOUS LIBERATION (REFTEL). ATTACK ON MILITARY TECHNICAL ACADEMY IN 1974 WAS, ACCORDING TO SAUDI EMBASSY HERE, WORK OF YOUTH OF MUHAMMAD, RECONSTITUTED BY ABDALLAH SARIYYA. THERE WERE ALSO SUGGESTIONS IN PRESS AT THAT TIME THAT SARIYYA'S GROUP WAS AFFILIATED WITH BANNED ISLAMIC LIBERATION PARTY, WHICH SEEKS RENAISSANCE OF ISLAM THROUGH REESTABLISHMENT OF CALIPHATE AND OVERTHROW OF ARAB REGIMES WHICH RESIST THIS NOTION.

4. WHOEVER MAY BE BEHIND THIS LATEST GROUP, ARRESTS SHOW ONCE AGAIN HOW EASY IT IS TO RECRUIT YOUNG EGYPTIANS OF ALL SOCIAL CLASSES INTO A REVIVALIST ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION. PICTURES OF FOUR OF DETAINEES SHOW THEM AS WHITE-ROBED, BEARDED YOUNG MEN. AS ONE SENIOR GOE OFFICIAL PUT IT TO US, THEY ARE RELIGIOUS HIPPIES. DANGER, OF COURSE, IS THAT THEY CAN BE USED BY THOSE DETERMINED CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR SADAT. IN CASE OF TECHNICAL ACADEMY ATTACK, IT WAS JORDANIAN COMMUNIST (SARIYYA) OPERATING WITH LIBYAN MONEY. MININT OFFICIAL'S SUGGESTION THAT PRESENT GROUP IS CONNECTED WITH SARIYYA'S PROVIDES BROAD HINT THAT LIBYANS ARE BEHIND THIS GROUP AS WELL.  
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